



UN New Agenda for the Development of Africa (UN-NADAF)

The United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s (UN-NADAF) was adopted by the UN General Assembly in December 1991. It was to last for a decade, as a successor to the five-year UN Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development (UNPAAERD) launched in 1986, the first-ever UN programme for a specific region of the world.

UN-NADAF was a compact of mutual commitments by African countries and the international community. Its goal was to accelerate the transformation, integration, diversification of African economies, reduce their vulnerability to external shocks, strengthen them within the world economy and enhance their self-reliance. A minimum 6 per cent annual economic growth was deemed essential to ensure sustainable economic growth and reduce poverty.

Under UN-NADAF, African countries committed themselves, among other things, to:

- carry out economic reforms and improve domestic economic management
- promote regional and sub-regional economic cooperation and integration
- intensify the process of democratization
- create a policy environment that would attract foreign and domestic private investment

- improve human rights, living standards, support for children and equality of opportunity for women
- promote development that is environmentally sustainable
- improve agricultural policies and food security

The international community, in turn, committed itself to:

- take “innovative and bold” measures for a durable solution to Africa’s debt crisis
- provide additional resources flows to Africa, and work to attain the international target of providing 0.7 per cent of donor country GNP as official development assistance
- help African countries diversify their commodity exports and boost export earnings
- substantially reduce or remove tariff and non-tariff barriers affecting African exports
- support African efforts toward regional economic integration.

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